

Shattered, but Stanch, London Braves Zeppelins

English Author Describes Confusion in Great Railway Terminal as Bombs Fell, and Stoicism of the People Amid Carnage and Ruin.

By WILLIAM M'FEE.

[Mr. McFee, a well known English author, whose recent book, "The Alien," has been one of the fiction successes of the year, thus describes a Zeppelin raid in which he was caught while on his way to take a train from the Great Eastern Station in London.]

London, Sept. 25.—We were inside the glass area of the Great Eastern Station, just about to ascend the stairs, when station handbag, my friend Greenwood and the whole world seemed swallowed up in one stupendous bang; and the glass came down, and the flames went up roof high. "My God!" we said, and covered.

Poor Greenwood fled up the stairs with maniacal energy and bolted along the platform, I pursuing and saying silly, comforting things. "Bang! Bang! A blood-red glare shot from South Place side. "Oh, my God!" shrieked Greenwood. Three more bombs fell over Finsbury—then a pause.

We breathed, "Thank God, it's over!"

Bombs Through Station Roof.

I had Greenwood by the arm. I was sweating with my infernal bag and coat, and also, I confess, in abject fear. We tottered back along the platform to where dark forms flitted in the darkness. And then came an absolutely stunning crash almost on our heels and the "Down Signal" box on the main line main line went flaming to the sky. We could not bear it any longer. I felt I must see what was doing. I crept down stairs. Bang! Bang! Bang! Out into the street. It was like daylight. Fires, fires everywhere. London on fire! St. Paul's showed black against a vivid glare in Cheapside or Holborn, somewhere down there. It was marvellous. But most marvellous of all was that Zeppelin in the sky. That silver-grey phantom was plied by four immense searchlights from the four quarters of the city. Turn as it might they held it in view.

And then marvel piled on marvel. From the Great Eastern Hotel rose a crack, sharp, staccato—like a big rifle—a shoot of flame and then, I didn't breathe, though shells soared and burst below.

"Too short, confound it, too short!" I stood there with my mouth open and

explosions and great fires were observed.

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Recruiting Active in Holes

Made by Zeppelin Bombs

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had a splendid effect on recruiting yesterday. At one meeting alone thirty men of the type came forward where three or four would have been welcomed a few weeks ago.

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